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AND SYSTEM FOR IN SITU
LASER PLASMA
SPECTROSCOPY

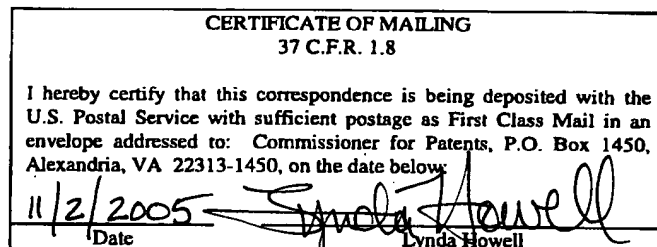


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AFFIDAVIT OF PINGFAN WU, PAMELA BENICEWICZ, ELENA ROZIER
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

We, Pingfan Wu, Pamela Benicewicz, and Elena Rozier, hereby state:

1. Our names are Pingfan Wu, Pamela Benicewicz, and Elena Rozier, and our professional addresses are General Electric Global Research, One Research Circle, Niskayuna, New York 12309 (Pingfan Wu, and Pamela Benicewicz), and General Electric Company, acting through its GE Energy business (Elena Rozier).

2. We are presently employed by General Electric Global Research, and GE Energy
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Pamela Benicewicz, *Physicist*;

Elena Rozier, *Senior Materials Engineer*.

3. We are the joint inventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,762,836, and named co-inventors on the present patent application, Serial No. 10/605,371.

4. We hereby declare that any invention disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,762,836 was made by us and is therefore not an invention "by another", and that any use of such in the present patent application was based upon our contribution to the presently claimed invention.

We, individually, declare further that all statements made herein are of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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